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BOARD OF PHARMACY,

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF PHARMACY

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF

WO THE LICENSE OF

KIRIT CHAUDHRI, R.P.

TO PRACTICE PHARMACY IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

PROVISIONAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and on which the following preliminary findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent is a pharmacist in the State of New Jersey and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.
- 2. On June 18, 1997, in the criminal court of the City of New York, respondent entered a plea of guilty to an "A" misdeanor crime of criminal facilitation in the fourth degree. Specifically,

respondent made false claims for dispensing payments from New York State Medicaid when in fact the dispensings had not occurred.

3. The following sentence was ordered; ten days of community service. Further, respondent has been disqualified from participation in the Medicaid and Medicare programs for 5 years.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The above conviction provides grounds for the suspension of his license to practice pharmacy in New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A.45:1-21(f) in that the crime of which respondent was convicted is one of moral turpitude and/or relates adversely to the practice of pharmacy.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ON THIS 23rd DAY OF AUGUT, 2000 ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Respondent's license to practice pharmacy in the State of New Jersey be and hereby is suspended for one year; all of said suspension is stayed. Respondent shall pay costs for the use of the the State.
- 2. The within Order shall be subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th business day following entry hereof unless respondent requests a modification or dismissal of the above stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by:
- a) submitting a written request for modification or dismissal to H. Lee Gladstein, Executive Director, State Board of Pharmacy, 124 Halsey Street, 6th Floor, Newark, New Jersey.

b) setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said

findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed.

c) submitting any and all documents or other written evidence

supporting respondent's request for consideration and reasons

therefor.

3. Any submissions will be reviewed by the Board, and the

Board will thereafter determine whether further proceedings are

necessary. If no material discrepancies are raised through the

submission by respondent during the thirty-day period, or if the

Board is not persuaded that submitted materials merit further

consideration or mitigation of the penalties set forth herein, a

Final Order of Discipline will be entered.

4. In the event that respondent's submissions establish a

need for further proceedings, including, but not limited to, an

evidentiary hearing, respondent is ordered, the preliminary

findings of fact and conclusions of law contained herein shall

serve as notice of the factual and legal allegations in such

proceeding.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

Bv:

Richard A. Palambo, R.P.

Board President